

California Trails User Coalition (CTUC)

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #11a – It is unclear if free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices.
- #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

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| Ground Operations – Stewards of Sierra NF, Road and Trail Maintenance | G17-04-06-G01 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “Field Crew Leader”, providing work accomplishment documentation is an indirect activity and must be moved to the Indirect Cost Category. Materials/Supplies – “Rock riprap”, Applicant may not claim as match any item donated by Sierra NF that was purchased by Sierra NF’s grant funds. Equipment Use Expense – “Skid Steer” and “Goose neck...” Applicant must change the Unit of Measurement to a day use fee and explain how the costs were determined. Equipment Use Expense – “Project Fuel”, significantly increased compared to prior year’s application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs. Equipment Use Expense – “mini excavator”, Applicant must change the Unit of Measurement to a day use fee and explain how the costs were determined. Equipment Use Expense – “Motorcycle/ATV Equipment Rental”, Applicant must list the vehicles. Equipment Use Expense – “UTV Equipment Use”, Applicant must list the vehicles. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting water quality”, “Providing alternative to...”, or “Protecting special-status species”. Applicant must provide examples/details for how activity will be accomplished. #7 – Project only supports the “Barrier materials...” selection. For the “Paper used for trail maps...”, Applicant must verify maps are being distributed as part of the Project. | |

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| Ground Operations – Stanislaus NF 2018 | G17-04-06-G02 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Blocking unauthorized routes, closing or camouflaging unauthorized routes are Restoration activities and not eligible under a Ground Operations Project. A. Applicant must ensure training provided to volunteers is not applied toward direct grant costs. These are indirect activities. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |

- Staff – All volunteers, Applicant must ensure direct volunteer time reported does not include any training costs. Training costs are indirect activities.
- Applicant must remove all costs associated with blocking unauthorized routes, closing or camouflaging unauthorized routes, or any other restoration activity.
- Materials/Supplies – “Route signs”, Applicant may not claim as match any item donated by Stanislaus NF that was purchased by Stanislaus NF’s grant funds.
- Materials/Supplies – “Windshield”, Applicant must move to Equipment Use Category.
- Equipment Use – “Support Haul Vehicles”, Applicant must list the cars separately and provide more details for how the costs were determined.
- Equipment Use – “Chainsaw Fuel...”, Applicant must provide more details for how the costs were determined.
- Equipment Use – “Project Fuel”, Applicant must list the vehicles.

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – Narrative does not support “...multiple distinct stakeholders...” Applicant must provide the dates and locations of where the meeting(s) were held, specifically identify the stakeholder participants, and what their stakes are to this Project.
- #5 – Applicant must provide details for how volunteer partners will partner in the Project.
- #6 - Narrative does not support the “Protecting special-status species,” or “Protecting cultural sites” selections. Applicant must provide examples/details explaining how selections would be accomplished.
- #7 – Project Description/Project Cost Estimate does not support items selected are made with recycled materials.

Ground Operations – SRR –
Geotherm and 395

G17-04-06-G03

Project Description

- For the re-route, Applicant must address if closing the old trail is a part of this Project.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – Line items #1 through #3, Applicant must provide the job duties to be performed.
- Contracts – “Paid trail...” Applicant must provide additional details for how the costs were determined and for what the contract work will be.
- Materials/Supplies – “Tool holders” are indirect. Applicant must move to the indirect cost category.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment Use Expense – Line items #3 and #4, Applicant must explain if these items will be utilized by the contractor. Also, “mini-excavator” daily rental rate of \$1,000 per day is excessive. Applicant must provide details to justify the costs. Indirect Costs – “Nonprofit accounting/membership fees...”, membership fees are not eligible costs. This Application has significantly increased over prior year’s Application. Applicant must clarify the price increase in the Project Description. |
| Evaluation Criteria |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #6 – Narrative does not support “Providing an alternative to wet crossings...” Note the “Providing alternative to wet crossing...” selection is for items being created vs. maintained. |

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| Sequoia NF / CTUC Collaboration Agreement - | G17-04-06-G04 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. A position dedicated to providing visitor information at the Black Rock Visitor Information Center is an indirect activity. A. Applicant must describe what their conservation activities entail. A. Developing quarterly reports is an indirect activity. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “Visitor information”, A position dedicated to providing visitor information at the Black Rock Visitor Information Center is an indirect activity and must be moved to the Indirect Cost Category. Equipment Use – “Trail Crew”, Applicant must clarify if the vehicle was purchased with OHV Trust Funds and provide more details for how the costs were determined, as costs appear excessive. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #2 – Narrative does not support “Damage to special-status species...” or “Additional damage to Facilities”. #4 – Narrative does not support the response, as it was not their meeting. #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting water quality”, “Protecting special-status species”, or “Providing sanitary facilities...” Note that applicant is limited to the activities they are accomplishing on their own Project. #7 – Project description does not support the selections. #8 – Project only supports “Camping”. | |

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| Restoration - North Fork Water System | G17-04-06-G05 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application does not qualify for a Ground Operations Project. Though it may qualify as a Development Project, however the land manager has identified the water source is for the Pacific Crest Trail which is not eligible for this program. • Applicant must provide additional details about the well/pump and its nexus to OHV, including its proximity to the 3N17, its GPS coordinates, and if the water will be potable. Also, Applicant must confirm 3N17 is a legal “green-sticker” road. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support the response • #3 – Narrative does not support the response. • #4 - Narrative does not support “stakeholders...” Applicant must identify stakeholders and explain their stakes are to this specific project. • #5 – Project does not support the response. • #6 – Narrative does not support the response. • #7 – Project description does not support “Barrier materials...” • #8 – Project description does not support the selections. | |

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| Education and Safety – Mobile Maps 2018 | G17-04-06-S02 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Applicant must clarify how this project is different from the CTUC Mobile App Recreational Trails Program (RTP) project. If the same, Applicant must state in the Project Cost Estimate where RTP grant funds will be applied. • A – Applicant must clarify if there is a cost for the map phone application. If so, Applicant must state where the money goes for the download map. • A – Applicant must identify the Off-Highway vehicle areas the app will cover. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts – All items, Applicant must clarify if these are separate contracts for each line item or are all under one contract. If under one contract, Applicant must combine line items. • Contracts – “Writer” and “Designer”, Applicant must state how printed materials relate to the scope of the project. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material and Supplies – “Brochures”, Applicant must clarify how brochures relate to the scope of this project. |
| Evaluation Criteria |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #6 – Narrative does not support “...meeting(s) with multiple distinct stakeholders” selection. Applicant must identify more than one stakeholder participant in the meeting. Applicant must clarify which United States Forest Service attend the stakeholder meeting. #7 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Plan to implement the Project”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measure elements to substantiate selection and validated in the Project Description. #8 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Printed media”, “Social media”, and “Outreach booth/Exhibits”. Applicant must clarify how the methods of education relate to the scope of the project. #9 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant states 3500 apps are in use. #10 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant needs to change selection to “1 minute to less than 5 minute” because the question stipulates that maps fall under this category. |

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| Education and Safety – Los Padres East 4 th | G17-04-06-S03 |
| Project Description | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A – Applicant must explain why 10,000 maps needed, as there is abundance of maps remaining after each printing. | |
| Project Cost Estimate | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts – “Printing of Maps”, Applicant must explain why 10,000 maps are needed, appears excessive compared to like projects. Contracts – “Mobile Map”, Applicant must clarify how this line item is different from the CTUC Mobile App Recreational Trails Program (RTP) project. | |
| Evaluation Criteria | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #5 – Project Description does not support selections. Applicant does not state in the application what types of OHV recreation the project will address. Applicant must provide additional details to substantiate selections in the Project Description. #6 – Narrative does not support “...meeting(s) with multiple distinct stakeholders” selection. Applicant must identify more than one stakeholder participant in the meeting. Applicant must clarify which United States Forest Service attend the stakeholder meeting. | |

- #7 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Plan to implement the Project”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measure elements to substantiate selection in the narrative box.
- #8 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Printed media”, “Social media”, and “Outreach booth/Exhibits”. Applicant must clarify how the methods of education relate to the scope of the project.
- #9 – Project Description does not support selection. Applicant must select 1,000 – 10,000.
- #10 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant needs to change selection to “1 minute to less than 5 minute” because the question stipulates that maps fall under this category.